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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 for the above- identified Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 21, 1998 (Paper No. 3), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 22, 1999, please reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following remarks:

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